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At 3 P.M.







MAILS EXPECTED.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
The M. M. steamer *Irapuaddy*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 3 a.m. on the 18th, and may be looked for on the evening of the 21st or morning of 22nd inst.

**THE AMERICAN MAILS.**  
The O. and O. steamer *Gadia*, with the

on the afternoon of the 17th, and  
d for here on the 24th instant

The E.F.A. S.S. Co.'s steamer *Catlin* left Port Darwin on the 14th via Sandakan, and may be looked for here on or about the 26th inst.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

The authorised List of Mails

connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

— WILL —

**A MAIL WILL CLOSE**

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Feitung*, Tuesday, the 20th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
For Freemantle, W. A.—Per *Schooner*, Tuesday, the 20th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

P.M.—Letters may be posted with  
of 10 cents until

3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.  
— DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.  
M. Money Order Office closes. P

closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**  
7 A.M., Post Office opens.  
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

be despatched on TUESDAY, the  
Mails to the United Kingdom  
places beyond, via Naples: +

—The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

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**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**  
The British Contract Packet "KASHGAR"

ant, with Mails to and through the  
gdom and Europe via Brindisi

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ceylon, India, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Persons who send Masters of Tea  
Post in Tins are requested to

made flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mesh bags. It is believed that the tea will travel more safely in flat tins, which are not so liable as round ones to be bulged in.

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ened with sealing wax, but they  
sion of a seal?

The attention of boxholders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a check book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached Post Office; the omission of the former, as whether any of them might not have been

**RATES OF POSTAGE**

Letters, per 3 oz. ....	10 Cents
Post Cards, each .....	3 Cents
Books, Patterns, and Commercial Papers, per 2 oz. ....	1 Cent
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	2 Cents
Registration .....	10 Cents
Do. with return receipt .....	15 Cents

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of an actual or personal correspond  
voices, deeds, copied music, &c. T

is the same as for Books, but all packets of a  
under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.

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**SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.**  
 1.—Privates in U.M. Army or Navy.  
 commissioned Officers,\* Bandmasters Army  
 Schoolmasters (not Superintending or Fir

...ponee letters to the United Ki  
at the rate of four cents (twone  
...may be prepaid either in ...

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

—If from a Soldier or Sailor his

description must be stated in full on the left  
the cover of which must be signed by the Com-  
manding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &  
in full. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and  
seriation, with name of regiment, ship, &c., to  
be stated in full.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges  
with regard to books or papers, nor can these

But not Warrant Officers, viz.:—Condu  
Boatswain, or Carpenter.

No responsibility can be accepted in this Parliament for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries or to notes addressed to subordinate officers. The clerks told off to sell stamps should especially not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard on all points on which such information may



